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CEYLON C.-IN-C.'s WARNING

Special Mission's Plans To Ginger Up Campaign In Far East

"The Japanese still had large armies and fleets of ships and aeroplanes, and regardless of cost, the enemy would try to stave off defeat as long as possible. Air Raid precautions are still absolutely necessary, and will remain necessary, until the Japanese have been cleared out of all countries on the side of the Bay of Bengal. Until that is effected, you are in daily danger of some effort by the enemy", declared Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief of Ceylon.

DAILY DANGER FROM ENEMY

COLOMBO, Feb. 26 (Delayed)

"It is over four years since this war started, and we have at last seen the tide of battle begin to turn in our favour. Our enemies who once tried to terrorise the world are themselves now being struck hard blows, and they are seeing the gradual eclipse of their hopes of victory", said His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief, yesterday when he declared open the Agricultural, Industrial and Health Exhibition at Horana.

His Excellency warned against undue optimism and wishful thinking and said the Japanese still had large armies and fleets of ships and aeroplanes, and regardless of the cost, would try to stave off defeat as long as possible. It was in the interests of everybody to shorten this war by adding to the strength of the Allied nations. Each one of them must make his or her contribution to the common cause.

"Air raid precautions are still absolutely necessary", added His Excellency, "and will remain necessary, until the Japanese have been cleared out of all the countries on the side of the Bay of Bengal. Make no mistake, until that has been effected, you are in daily danger of some effort by the enemy."

Appealing for maximum output of rubber by Ceylon, the Commander-in-Chief said: "Despite the great progress in the manufacture of synthetic rubber, every pound of natural rubber which can be collected is urgently needed, and I want you all to do your utmost to see that each rubber tree yields its maximum and so help Ceylon to produce more rubber than ever before."—A. P.

Artillery Activity In Mayu Range

NEW DELHI March 2.

During the night 29th February 1st March, our artillery was active on the western slopes of the Mayu range, says to-day's Allied war 'communique.'

On the 1st March, on the east side of the range our troops attacked Japanese positions on the knife edge ridge of a hill feature east of Htindaw. The Japanese suffered considerable casualties in this area.

East of the Kalapanzin river our attacks against a hill position north-east of Buthidaung met strong opposition from the enemy who is occupying positions prepared sometime ago.

In the Kaladan valley west African troops continue their advance southwards and have now met increased enemy resistance north and north-west of Apaukwa.—A. P.

Plans For Far East Campaign

WESTMINSTER, March 2.

The British War Minister, Sir James Grigg told Parliament to-day that a special mission has visited the United States, Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, the Solomons, India and the battle fronts in Burma to make a special study of what is required for the war with Japan. "Neither our friends, nor our enemies have any cause to assume that we propose to sit back, as soon as we have finished with Germany. We intend to go on and are prepared to go on until that too is finished."

Of the war in the Far East, Sir James Grigg said that the Arakan campaign of last year was a great disappointment. "However, I hope we have profited from the lessons that to fight the Japanese in Burma, the most intensive training in jungle warfare and the most careful logistical preparations are necessary. The very recent fighting in this theatre showed that we have so profited."

Referring to new weapons, Sir James said, "In one field, the Ministry of Supply can expect from us a whole range of new demands, namely, those for specialised weapons and equipment which will be needed when we transfer our main weight to the war against Japan. The actual size of these must be largely conjectural, until we can see clearly the size of the land forces which we can deploy in the Far East."

Sir James Grigg added, "In the west, it is easy to see that Germany is bound to be defeated in the end. It is clear that she cannot continue to provide forces to stem the Russian tide, hold the Allies south of the Rome and so keep them away from airfields from which southern Germany can be more effectively bombed, to provide for anti-aircraft defences of those parts of the Reich which are already subject to heavy bomber attack, hold down the Balkans and to guard against the possibility of landings based on this island along the whole length of the coast of France, the Low Countries or Scandinavia. Sooner or later, she must crack. But at present, she is fighting with the utmost resolution and, except possibly where Hitler's intuitions have been at work, with consummate skill. A good part of the Far Eastern pattern is still to be covered, but enough has been revealed to show that in the end Japan too must perish before the weight of the resources which can be brought against her.

Speaking about the future of Burma and the Far East, Sir James Grigg said "plans for the preliminary military administration of Burma as it is reoccupied have been worked out. Those for other British possessions in the Far East are being worked out. For Europe, plans to deal with the various territories to be liberated have been concerted or are being discussed with those concerned —I think I may reasonably say with all those concerned—and a great deal of work has been done on problems of administering conquered Germany. A great deal is also being done in training suitable staffs for the work.'

On demobilisation, he said: "I am afraid that I am not in a position to say anything new about demobilisation. The shape of things to come—particularly in the period between the defeat of Germany and the destruction of Japan—has not yet disclosed itself at all clearly. Three things can be said, however: first, is it no good thinking that the whole army or even the greater part of it can go home, as soon as Germany is defeated; Japan will still be in the field, and to a very considerable extent in our field, and we are, in commonsense as well as honour, bound to see that job through. The second is that whatever scheme of release is adopted, it must be not only fair, but demonstrably fair. The third is that our preparations are sufficiently far advanced that we can guarantee to cope quickly and efficiently with any reasonable scheme of demobilisation."

Of the post-war army, Sir James said that the only certainty is that we shall have, in our own interests, to maintain considerable armed forces. It may be taken as certain that the hard core of the army will be a professional organisation having behind it considerable reserves. It would not be for lack of thought, if we fall after the war to maintain a fighting instrument no less competent than that which we have now (cheers).—Reuter.

Allied Land On Admiralty Islands

SYDNEY, March 1.

"We have landed on the Admiralty Islands, which stand at the northern entrance to the Bismarck Sea, almost due south of Guam and 1,300 miles from the Philippines, says a communique from the South-west Pacific Headquarters. "Elements of the first cavalry division (dismounted) were put ashore from destroyers in the early forenoon covered by naval and air bombardment."

Jap Losses In Pacific During February

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied Headquarters in South-West Pacific: All but three of Gen. MacArthur's communiques for February reported raids on Rabaul during which Allied planes encountered over 500 Japanese fighters in the air. More than half the total of Japanese planes destroyed during the month—251 out of 429—were lost over Rabaul. The Japanese losses at sea during February were: SUNK two destroyers; 7 auxiliaries; 37 merchantmen and cargo vessels; 194 barges and 18 small craft; PROBABLY DESTROYED: Eleven merchantmen, 31 barges and three small craft; DAMAGED: Three destroyers, one submarine, four auxiliaries, 13 merchantmen, 62 barges and 13 small craft.—Reuter.

Nazi General Killed In Berlin Blitz

LONDON, March 2.—The German News Agency announced the death during a raid on Berlin last month of a General of the Panzer forces, Fritz Kuehn, who was Chief of Army Motorisation in the German High Command.—Reuter.

JAP AIRCRAFT CARRIER SUNK

British Submarines Score in Far East Waters

LONDON, March 2: The Admiralty announced today (Thursday) "British submarines operating in Far Eastern waters have torpedoed a Japanese aircraft-carrier of approximately 7,000 tons, which is believed to have sunk and have obtained a torpedo hit on a Japanese cruiser. The aircraft-carrier which was escorted by five submarine chasers was first sighted by one of His Majesty's submarines while on patrol in the northern approaches to Malacca Strait. Following an attack the aircraft-carrier was seen to be hit and lying stopped. A further torpedo which struck the enemy ships caused a violent explosion. The ship heeled over and is believed to have sunk. The successful attack on the Japanese cruiser was carried out in the same area by another of His Majesty's submarines. Counter-measures by the enemy prevented observation of the full results of this engagement. In addition to these successes a medium-sized supply ship has been torpedoed and sunk and a smaller supply ship has been destroyed by gun-fire. His Majesty's submarines responsible for these successful actions were under the command of Lieut.-Commander R. M. Favell, R. N. Lieut D S Verschyle Campbell D S C., R N. Lieut D J Beckley D S O., R.N.—Reuter.

HITCH OVER DEMOBILISATION

Finnish View Of Soviet Terms

STOCKHOLM, March 2.

An usually reliable source in close contact with Helsinki says that the Finnish Government have decided that the Russian conditions in their present form are not acceptable.

Reuter adds that there is no confirmation of this report from any other source.

The Stockholm source declares that the Finnish Government hopes to continue preliminary negotiations to clear up points considered vital. They are particularly concerned with the question whether the Finnish army should be demobilised completely or only partly.

Finnish conservative newspaper 'Uusi Suomi,' which is usually understood to represent the view of the Finnish Premier, said to-day in an editorial: "The duty of responsible statesmen is to seek a secure and honourable peace. The conditions revealed do not give any hope of that."

Bulgaria To Quit War?

NEW YORK, March 1.

The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Edward R. Stettinius, stated to-day that he had no knowledge that the Bulgarians have actually offered armistice terms to Great Britain and the United States.

It is believed in New York, however, that terms for armistice are being considered in Sofia.

Should the Finns succeed in withdrawing from the war without Finland's becoming a battle ground, it is believed the Bulgarians would ask Moscow to act as intermediary, since Bulgaria is not at war with Russia.

NAZIS IN NARVA ENCIRCLED?

MOSCOW, March 2.

The German garrison in Narva has now been cut off from its last line of retreat. The Russians are now advancing from the bridgehead captured on the west banks of the river Narva. The point where the railway west of the Narva was cut yesterday was only 3 miles from the Gulf of Finland and Soviet forces have now reached the coast, thus cutting off the troops in the city.

The Germans had used hundreds of guns to blow up the ice on the Narva river, but they did not prevent the Red Army men with great heroism storming the heavily defended western banks. Russian troops crossed first in ones and twos on light rafts, towing machine guns and ammunition on other rafts, under intense shell fire from the town of Narva itself.

The most easterly of the two southern rail links left to the Germans has been cut. The second one which leads back to Vilna is now under fire of Soviet guns. The Russian column which is threatening Vilna railway is the nearest to the Latvian border and is seriously increasing the threat of outflanking to Pskov. New German strongholds are falling to the Russians every day and the German hold on Vitebsk, a vital White Russia bastion, is becoming increasingly shaky.

Eden Gets An Assistant

LONDON, March 2: The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden told the Commons, Wednesday that it was intended that Mr. Richard Law, Minister of State, should assist him in the general conduct of Foreign Policy under the guidance of the War Cabinet.—Reuter.

N. INDIA CRICKET TEAM FOR NORTH ZONE FINAL

LAHORE, March 2.

The following will represent Northern India Cricket Association in the North Zone Final of the Ranji Trophy tournament against Southern Punjab at Patiala on March 4, 5 and 6.

Jehangir Khan (Captain), Mohamed Saeed, Ram Prakash, Amir Elahi, Gul Mohamed, Chuni Lal, Nazir Mohamed, Abdul Hafiz, Rajinder Nath, Fazal Mohamed and Asghar Ali

Reserves: M. Aslam and M. Sharif. Twelfth Man, Mohamed Zafar.—A P

AMENDMENT TO LAND IMPROVEMENT SCHEME ACT

The draft of a Bill to amend the Bombay Land Improvement Schemes Act of 1942 is published in the Bombay Government Gazette.

The draft will be taken into consideration by the Bombay Government on or after March 20 and objections or suggestions should be forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, by that date.

DETENUS AND AIR RAIDS

Nazimuddin Says No Special Consideration Can Be Given To Any Particular Prisoner

CALCUTTA, March 2.

It was not possible for Government to show exceptional consideration to any particular prisoner on the ground of liability to attack from the air, "said the Chief Minister Sir Nazimuddin replying to a question in the Bengal Legislative Assembly this afternoon.

The question referred to the Civil Defence measures adopted regarding the female security prisoners' wards in the Presidency Jail

Sir Nazimuddin said there were fourteen such security prisoners in the Presidency Jail, and the question of removing them from the jail was under consideration. As regards protective measures, he added, first-aid boxes had been distributed in all parts of the jail, including the female section, and baffle walls round the Female Jail Hospital and the sleeping wards for female security and criminal prisoners in the jail had been constructed. In the event of any post-raid disorder in the jail it had been arranged that the reserve of warders and the police would take over the security of prisoners in the jail.—A.P.

Gold Sales By Reserve Bank

BOMBAY, March 2.

Small quantities of five-tola and one-tola fine gold bars bearing the stamp of His Majesty's Mint, Bombay, are at present available for sale to the public over the counter at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India at Calcutta, Cawnpore, Delhi, Karachi, Lahore and Madras and at the Imperial Bank of India at Agra, Amritsar, Benares, Lucknow, Lyalpur, Multan and Patna.—A. P.

Two Killed In Police Firing

TINNEVELLEY, March 2

Reports have been received here of a clash that occurred last Monday, on the Tinnevelly-Travancore border in Nunganeri Taluk between a crowd of alleged smugglers and a special reserve police patrol party when the police opened fire resulting in the death of two villagers. Some policemen also are reported to have been injured.—U. P.

EX-PREMIER OF ASSAM

GAUHATI, Feb. 29: Mr. Gopinath Bardolai, ex-Premier of Assam, who was a security prisoner in the Gauhati Jail under D.I.R. and who has gone to Calcutta for medical treatment after his release will, it is reported, return to Gauhati in a few days as he is now feeling much better.—A. P.

NELLORE EDITOR JAILED

NELLORE, March 2: Pattur Subramaiya, Editor and Printer of a local weekly was sentenced to two years' R.I. for printing prejudicial leaflets in connection with visit of the Governor to this town in August last. He has been placed in class B and his son, Parasuram, who was prosecuted for alleged distribution of leaflets, has been acquitted.—Orient Press.

RELEASED ON PAROLE

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, March 1.

The Secretary of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, Mr Govindrao Hari (otherwise known as Palyasaheb Deshpande) has been released on parole for two months. After his arrest he was kept in Nasik Jail. He was then brought to the Yeravda Jail, where he started suffering from some knee troubles. He was remanded to the Sassoon Hospital where Surgeon Gharpure treated him with the result that he is feeling somewhat better now.

ORDER ON MR. VASANT NAIK

NASIK, (By Mail): An order under Section 3(6) (iv) of the Restriction and detention Ordinance, 1944, has been issued by the District Magistrate of Nasik asking Mr. Vasant Naik, M L A Nasik who is absconding since 9th Aug. 1942 to appear before March 18th 1944 before the authorities to answer the order for his detention issued under the Defence of India Rules on August 28th 1942

K. P. JANAKI RELEASED

MADURA, March 2: Srimati K. P. Janaki, a member of the Town Committee of the Communist Party of India, who was arrested and detained about a month back in the Vellore Central Jail, has been released unconditionally.—United Press.

PREMIER CONGRATULATES MOUNTBATTEN

LONDON, March 2.

The Prime Minister Mr. Churchill has sent a message of congratulation to the Supreme Allied Commander in South-East Asia, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten on the Fourteenth Army's successful encounters with the Japanese in Arakan, Burma.—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (May.)

NEW YORK, March 2.

Previous Closing	20.33
To-day's Opening	20.37
Difference	+.04
To-day's Closing	20.40
Difference	+.07

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 2.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors Col. 55-1/4.

Anaconda Copper Mining Col. 26-1/2

United States Steel Common dol. 51-3/8.

United States Steel Preference unquoted.—Reuter.

KASTURBA'S DEATH IN COMMONS

Butler Says It Would Not Have Been Kindness To Remove Her From Aga Khan's Palace

WESTMINSTER, March 2: The British Government's regret at the death of Mrs. Gandhi on February 22 at the age 74 was expressed by Mr. Butler, President of the Board of Education, speaking in the Commons to-day on benalf of Mr. Amery.

He added: "When it occurred she was in detention in company with Mr. Gandhi.

"She was receiving all possible medical care and attention, not only from her regular attendants but from those desired by her family, and was able to see her near relatives.

No request for her release was received and the Government of India believed it would be no act of kindness to her or her family to remove her from the Aga Khan's palace."

Replying to another question, Mr. Butler said that Mr. Gandhi was permitted to attend her funeral. He added: "I have information that the funeral rites took place at the request of Mr. Gandhi in the grounds of the Aga Khan's palace at Poona and friends and relatives were present."

GOVT. SPENDS RS. 500 FOR GANDHIJI AND PARTY

Working Committee Members Cost Delhi Rs. 100 Each

NEW DELHI, March 2.

The provision for the expenses of Mr. Gandhi and those detained with him in the Aga Khan's Palace amounted to about Rs. 550 a month, while that for the members of the Working Committee amounted to Rs. 100 a month each, said the Home Member, Sir Reginald Maxwell. in reply to Mr. K. C. Neogy in the Assembly to-day.

There was no restriction on the receipt of articles of comfort by Mr. Gandhi, or the Working Committee or on the books and periodicals which they were allowed to receive, if on examination they were found to be unobjectionable, the Home Member added.

A large number of books, etc. had in fact been reaching the prisoners in question.

REVISION OF DETENUS CASES

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai asked if the case of members of the Sind Legislative Assembly, who were detained under the Defence of India Rules, had been reviewed in accordance with the new ordinance.

The Home Member said this was a matter for the Provincial Govrnment. He added in reply to other questions that no tribunal was being appointed for the review of cases of Central security prisoners.

TIME NOT YET

Mr. Joshi asked what was the method by which the Government of India proposed to make a review of the cases for which they were responsible.

The Home Member said that stage had not yet arrived; Government were at present only receiving representations from prisoners.

The War Secretary Sir Charles Ogilvie stated in reply to Mr. M. A. Kazmi that the expenditure on concept parties and similiar forms of entertainment for the troops in 1942-43 was Rs. 60.000 for British troops and Rs. 1,14.000 for Indian troops; the estimated expenditure for 1943-44 was Rs. 1,75.000 for British troops and Rs. 3,600.000 for Indian troops.

The Defence Secretary, Mr. C. M. Trivedi indicated in reply to Mr. Ananga Mohan Dam that a representation was received for the Bengal Chamber of Commerce on the excessive speed at which service vehicles were driven in and round Calcutta.

Mr. Trivedi added: "Enquiry reveals that room still exists for considerable improvement in the driving of service vehicles. The matter has been receiving the personal attention of all formation and unit commanders, who have been enjoined to take all possible measures for enforcing careful driving of service vehicles."

Mr. K. S. Gupta drew attention to a booklet "India To-day and Tomorrow" published by an ex-Governor of the Punjab.

Q: Is the Home Member aware that the following statement: "Mr. Gandhi embarked on a 21-day fast to engineer his unconditional release, etc.," contained in the booklet is being resented by all political circles in London and by every Indian patriot? If so, does he propose to make a representation protesting against such an insinuation?

A: The answer to both parts of the question is in the negative.

STERLING AND DOLLARS

The Finance Member Sir Jeremy Raisman in reply to Mr. Krishnamachari explained that in the case of each member of the sterling area, as dollars accrued they passed into the pool which served the whole sterling area, the member receiving corresponding credits in sterling. At the same time the dollar needs of each member were met from the pool as and when they arose, the member receiving corresponding debits in sterling. No separate accounts had hitherto been maintained for India. Any net surplus of dollars accruing on Indian account in the course of a year would remain at India's credit in sterling. No payments were made for goods procured on Lease-Lend.

TOBACCO ACREAGE

In a written answer to a question put by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta enquiring whether the acreage under tobacco had been reduced as a result of the enforcement of the tobacco Excise Duty Act, the Finance Member stated that the acreage under Virginia tobacco was reported to be expanding owing to inreased demand for cigarette tobacco. The acreage under country tobacco had undergone some reduction during the year, owing in some areas to cyclone. Damage and generally to the grow-more-food campaign and the high prices obtainable for other crops.

The Finance Member further stated there was no compulsory warehousing of tobacco.—A. P.

R. A. F. & Luftwaffe Exchange Visits

Nazi Ignition Equipment Factories Bombed

LONDON, March 2.

The R. A. F. and the Luftwaffe exchanged visits during the night. It is announced officially in London that British bombers were over Germany. The German overseas radio says that it was south-western Germany that was raided. German aircraft attacked London area in the early hours. The alert was only short and was the first to be sounded between midnight and dawn since February 22.

Chandelier flares, incendiaries and high explosive bombs were dropped before the planes challenged by heavy gunfire made off. In London, later, it was officially stated that five German planes had been destroyed in raids on Britain.

The Air Ministry announces: "A very strong force of aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked Stuttgart last night. Large fires were left burning.

Mosquitoes attacked Munich and objectives in France and Low Countries. Four of our aircraft are missing."

Reuter's air correspondent cables: Only four aircraft are missing out of the very strong force of British bombers which attacked Stuttgart, important rail centre in south-west Germany, last night. Large fires were left burning. The night's operations also included 'Mosquito' attacks on Munich and objectives in France and Low Countries. The attack on Stuttgart broke a four night lull in the R.A.F. offensive on German targets.

Stuttgart was the target of one of the R.A.F.'s 2,000-ton raids in the early hours of February 21, when bomber command aircraft in great strength started intense fires in the factory area. Later, mosquitoes on reconnaissances saw great volumes of smoke rolling up from the vital Bosch Works which produce the bulk of ignition equipment for Germany's aero-engines. Stuttgart which is one of the main railway junctions for traffic between Germany and Italy, has other large and specialised engineering plants and a number of factories producing power plants for U-boats and tanks. Practically, the whole of the half a million population are engaged in these industries. Stuttgart has now five major R.A.F. raids.

The last big night raid on German targets was a massive twin attack on Augsburg industrial centre specialising in production of submarine engines on Friday when 1,700 tons of bombs were dropped in two swift and concentrated swoops. In the interval, there has been routine mosquito activity and daylight raid by the United States bombers on Brunswick. The R.A.F. resumed the offensive early to-day (Thursday) when there were reports from many parts of the South Coast of formations flying towards the Continent.

It is officially announced that last night over 600 aircraft were engaged in operation by R.A.F. Bomber Command over Germany. There were some 100 aircraft over this country.—Reuter.

Ramakrishna Mission Bengal Starvation Relief

Please send your contribution to the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, Bombay 21. The Mission has been conducting Relief Operations not only in Calcutta and its suburbs but also in 22 other far off districts where the distress is most acute.

The Mission most thankfully acknowledges the generous donation of Rs. 4,029-13-1 from the citizens of Kolhapur through Messrs. Uplekar Brothers, Jewellers Kolhapur.

The total receipts upto 25th February Rs. 4,45,378-13-2.

London Parsee Refuses To Become Fire-Watcher

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, March 2.

Hannen Swaffer in the "Daily Herald" when someone asked cafe-keeper ... Central London to become a firewatcher he got the reply: "I can't. It's against my religion. "What on earth are you"? "I am a Parsi. I worship fire. I mustn't put one out." The cafe-keeper was then told to be logical, "You should start some fresh ones. Anyway your case is beyond me. I shall have to report to Town Hall."

The Executive of the India Famine Committee of which Mr Clement Davies, K.C., M.P., President, feels the time has now arrived when most serious attention must be paid to alleviating the sufferings from diseases of those who are victims to famine in India. It, therefore, proposes to extend its present activities which are more or less confined to raising funds in Britain so as to cover measures to prevent the spread of diseases, special steps being taken to invite the co-operation of doctors, physicians, chemists and scientist. I understand Lord Horder and other prominent members of the medical profession including Sir John Boyd Orr, who is an expert in nutrition, have consented to assist the group of Indian doctors, including Drs. P. C Bhandari, C. L. Katial, K. Handoo, Sakir Mahammodi who will work in the closest co-operation with the India Famine Committee. A meeting to inaugurate a campaign for obtaining medical supplies and food especially for expectant mothers and infants is being held in the next few days.

School Board's Climbdown

AHMEDABAD, March 2.

After a 12 days' strike the pupils of the Municipal Girls High School resumed attendance today, when the the order suspending Miss Kapadia, the Lady Superintendent, was withdrawn by the School Board.

It will be recalled that the Chairman of the School Board suspended the Lady Superintendent on the alleged ground that she had failed to report the non-attendance of the pupils on the "Indeppendence Day".—A P.

Protest Against Filming Life Of Buddha—

COLOMBO, March 2.

The State Council adopted without division a Private Member's motion requesting the Board of Ministers to take effective steps with the Government of India to prohibit the preparation of a film of 'the life of Buddha' by an Indian film producing firm "as it is liable to wound the religious feelings of Buddhists all over the world." The Legal Secretary on behalf of the Government pointed out that the motion as it stood would place the Board of Ministers in an impossible position, as he did not know whether there was any legislation under which the preparation of a film could be prohibited by the Government of India and suggested a general expression of protest against filming the "life of Buddha." The Council however adopted the motion without amendment.—A.P.

BATTLE FOR ANZIO BEACHHEAD

Allies Throw Back Nazis

ALGIERS, March 2.

It is officially announced that the Allies threw back a strong German attack against the central part of the Anzio Beachhead front.

Hard fighting continues. The enemy is exerting pressure all round the beachhead.

On the Eighth Army Front and the main Fifth Army Front, patrol activity continues

AIR: Yesterday, the weather curtailed operations, cut off the Dalmatian coast, enemy shipping was attacked by fighter bombers. In the Anzio area, fighters patrolled without incident.—Reuter

C.-in-C. On His Bombay Tour

NEW DELHI, March 2

Covering well over 1,000 miles by air, road and rail the Commander-in-Chief in India, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, has just completed a strenuous four of more than 60 units in the Bombay Presidency.

He was favourably impressed with what he saw. "There has been tremendous progress since I was here last," he said at the end of the tour.

The C.-in-C. saw new methods of training, new installations and modern equipment recently arrived in India. He met and shook hands with more than 3,000 officers and men of the Indian and British armies, the R.A.F., I.A.F. and R.I.N. with many he stopped to talk, especially those with battle honours or overseas badges.

Towards the end of his tour, the C.-in-C. saw a parade of 132 officers and V.C.O.'s. He did what no officer there was expecting—he walked round and shook each one by the hand.—A. P.

Shaik Abdulla's Reported Promise To Jinnah

SRINAGAR, March 2.

After the return of Shaik Abdulla, the National Conference leader from Delhi where he had gone to see Mr. Jinnah, it is understood that Kashmir politics will enter a new phase. The Muslim Conference and the National Conference which have been fighting each other bitterly in the past might join hands on common issues. It is manifest from the facts that the National Conference is already boycotted and Shaik Abdulla is believed to have promised Mr. Jinnah not to oppose Pakisthan in his public speeches.—Orient Press.

POST-WAR RESEARCH PLANNING

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, March 2.

The Shanmukam Chetty Committee on Post-War Research Planning will assemble in Bombay on March 20.

The Committee will discuss the general line of enquiry and will go on tour visiting Baroda, Ahmedabad, Lahore, Calcutta, Bangalore, Madras and other places.

'C. R.' FOR DELHI

MADRAS, March 2.

Dr C Rajagopalachariar left Madras this morning by the Bombay express for Bombay. He leaves Bombay tomorrow night by the Frontier Mail for Udaipur from where he will proceed to Delhi for a fortnights' stay. He will be away from Madras for about a month.—A P

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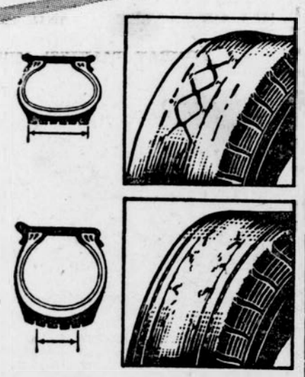

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Sample Of European 'Deal' To Indians

(From Our Correspondent)

DURBAN, March 1.

At a meeting between six representatives each of Indian Educational Trust, City Council and Ratepayers, two sites, Bluff and Botanic Gardens were refused for a new school. Europeans offered no evidence for refusal save that residents in each case had made strong protests. Indians were offered four other sites all of them poorer in quality and less advantageous. Though bitterly disappointed, the Educational Trust desirous of avoiding a total breakdown in the negotiations are giving close consideration to each of the four choices and further meeting will be held on Friday to inform Europeans of their decision.

Divided opinion existed among European representatives, a few adamant in refusal of any site whatever in the borough, others amenable to considering such facilities as transport for the better organisation of the School project.

Indians entered the meeting on the basis of Minister's remarks that the City Council should consider Botanic Gardens as alternative to "Bluff".

One prominent European member said in confidence that "Botanic Gardens" site was the proper site but officially had to oppose Indian right to it."

KISAN CONFERENCE AT BEZWADA

Reception Committee Chairman's Appeal To Delegates

BEZWADA, March 2.

The Reception Committee of the Eighth session of the All-India Kisan Sabha announce that the District Magistrate of Kishtna has permitted the Conference of the All-India Kisan Sabha to be held at Bezwada on March 14 and 15.

Referring to the order of the Madras Government prohibiting travelling to stations within 30 miles from Bezwada, between March 10 and 20, the Committee say that pressure on railway traffic is already heavy and that delegates to the session should not create any extra burden on the railways which play an important role in the defence of the country. Bearing this in mind the people are requested to come to Conference walking or by bullock carts.—United Press.

KISAN SABHA AND COMMUNISTS

BOMBAY, March 2

Referring to the Railway authorities and local officials putting obstacles in the way of the annual session of the All-India Kisan Sabha to be held at Bezwada and to mention of his name in the Central Assembly in that connection, Mr. P. C. Joshi, General Secretary of the Communist Party in a statement says:—

"There is no rival Kisan Sabha. It is the eighth session of the only authoritative organisation of the Indian Kisans. It will be wrong to call it Communist-controlled. Swami Sahajanand, the Bihar Kisan leader, will preside over it. The membership of our party is about 25,000 while this year's enrolment for the Kisan Sabha is over five lakhs.—U. P.

Seksaria's Petition Dismissed

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chagla)

Messrs. Govindram Seksaria ..... Petitioners.

Versus

Rao Saheb V. T. Shah, Income-tax Officer, Section I Central ..... Respondent.

This was an application for a 'writ of certiorari' for inquiring into the legality of certain orders of assessment for the year 1938-39. For that year, an income-tax of Rs. 18,60,252 was assessed by the respondent on the petitioner-firm, and on 5th November 1943, the respondent imposed a fine of Rs. 1 lakh on the petitioners for non-payment of income-tax and super-tax. The petitioners submitted that this action on the part of the respondent was arbitrary and illegal, and that the amount of tax assessed was quite unwarranted. The petitioners further submitted that they were unable to pay the tax as all their properties had been attached, prohibitory orders passed and the Court Receiver appointed interim receiver thereof.

The respondent submitted that the High Court had no jurisdiction in the matter which was one concerning the revenue and the collection thereof. The respondent complained that the petitioners had all along obstructed the Government in the recovery of its legitimate dues and that this application was a frivolous one made merely in order to delay matters. He further stated that between December 1941 and March 1942, the petitioners had received Rs. 30 lakhs from America by way of profits and that the income-tax department had made a very reasonable offer in settlement of their dues.

On counsel for the petitioners stating that they were giving up the relief claimed in this application without prejudice to their rights to any other remedies, his Lordship dismissed the petition with costs with liberty to the petitioners to file a fresh petition in case penalty was again levied under the Income-tax Act.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co. appeared for the petitioners.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad and Mr. G. N. Joshi instructed by Mr. D. H. Nanavatty appeared for the respondent.

Travancore Food Problems

Dewan On Dissolution Of Legislature

TRIVANDRUM, March 2

The duty and responsibility of the press at a time of national crisis like the present and the lines on which it could make its influence felt with a view to promoting the greatest good of the largest number were outlined in considerable detail by Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, Dewan, yesterday, at Bhaktivilas at an important press conference attended by Journalists from all over the State.

Dealing first with the State Rationing Scheme, the Dewan said it was not possible to work it unless people were prepared to take grains other than rice such as bajra and wheat.

The Dewan said the rationing scheme could be worked successfully, only when the rich and the poor alike shared what was available. The Dewan alluded to a statement made by Pandit Kunzru that it was a serious omission on the part of the Government of Travancore not to take up mid-day feeding of all school children. He forgot said the Dewan, that this involved the expenditure of about two and a half crores annually, which was almost equal to the entire revenues of the State.

Discussing the reasons for the dissolution of the Legislature which took effect yesterday, the Dewan said fresh elections could not be further postponed on account of the shortage of petrol because the war with Japan was not likely to end for a couple of years more, and we could not wait indefinitely. The Legislature had had three successive extensions. Arguments about the need for fresh blood among members could not be indefinitely resisted. It would also give members an opportunity of ventilating legitimate demands and grievances in their election campaigns.

Then followed a discussion in which journalists took part.—A. P.

"PAKISTAN OF CITY MUNICIPALITY"

Criticism Of Schools Committee Affairs

"The Schools Committee was a Pakistan of the Bombay Municipality. Though nominally under the Municipal Corporation, it was independent by itself and wanted only money to spend from the Corporation." Thus criticised Mr. M. V. Donde the affairs of the Schools Committee while speaking on the resolution moved by Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hassan on Thursday.

Mr. Akhtar Hassan moved: That the Commissioner be requested to report as to the desirability of amending the Municipal Act so as to provide for the Municipal Commissioner being put in charge of the Department of the Schools Committee and being entrusted with the duty of carrying on the administration of that Department himself in collaboration of the Chairman and Members of the Schools Committee and the assistance of the Secretary, Schools Committee.

Dr. J. A. Collaco seconded the resolution and said that sooner the affairs of the Schools Committee were placed under the Municipal Commissioner the better for the Corporation and the primary education of the city. In the post-war scheme of education, Sargeant Scheme and many other schemes will be coming for consideration and he asked if the members of the Schools Committee some of whom hardly had any school education themselves were capable of considering the same rationally?

Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia opposed the resolution as the whole Municipal Act would require an amendment touching Primary education, and they would not have the benefit of Mr. M. D. Bhat's presence at all times to guide them in the affairs of the Schools Committee.

The debate on this resolution was not over when the Corporation adjourned for the day.

ANGLO-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP

ANKARA, March 2.

After a fortnight's silence, the Turkish press has resumed discussion of the deadlock in Anglo-Turkish relations with considerable heat. Majority of the press reaffirm the principle of Anglo-Turkish friendship which they profess is strong enough to overcome the present misunderstandings but maintain that articles in the British Press have misrepresented the Turkish viewpoint and show lack of comprehension of vital Turkish interests.

Informed quarters here think that the Premier or the Foreign Minister may make a statement when the National Assembly meets for the new session this month.

Turkish political and military circles in Ankara reported to-day that British and American war supplies to Turkey recently ceased to arrive from the Middle East. This appears to have occurred simultaneously with the return to Cairo of the British Military Delegation which left Ankara on February 4 after five weeks of inconclusive talks with the Turkish General Staff.—Reuter.

Anglo-Egyptian Diplomatic Activity

CAIRO, March 2.

Considerable Anglo-Egyptian diplomatic activity is going on here. Lord Killearn, British Ambassador, accompanied by Sir Walter Smart, Oriental Secretary, had two hours' conversation with Nahas Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister and Sir Amin Osman Pasha the Finance Minister.—Reuter.

ANNOUNCING

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REMARKABLE PROGRESS OF KAMALA NEHRU HOSPITAL

Vijaya Laxmi Pandit Appeals For Funds

ALLAHABAD, March 1.

The Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital completed its three years of existence on the February 28 during this period 56,735 women and children were treated in the Out-Patient Department and 4,853 patients admitted to the In-Door Wards.

There have been 1,497 deliveries in the hospital, 1,114 operations have been performed, and 807 patients have attended the ante-Natal clinic.

"While expressing our gratitude for the many generous donations in cash and kind which we have received from the public in the past we again appeal to them to extend the same generosity to us during the current year and help us to render efficient service to the women and children of this town and province", says Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi Pandit, Hon. Secretary of the Local Committee of the Kamala Nehru Hospital, Allahabad, in an appeal issued on Wednesday.—A. P.

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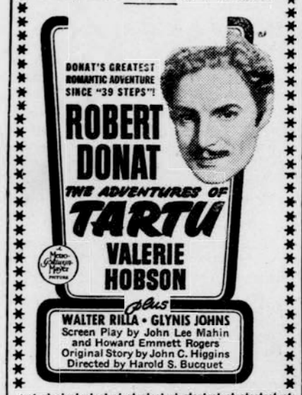
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To-day's Engagements

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 4 (Umerkhady and Dongree) will meet near the Junction of Church Bunder Road and Sandhurst Road (Near Petrol Station) tomorrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B T) 8-30 a.m. (S T) to go round the Ward.

GAYAN UTTEJAK MANDAL.—A variety entertainment of Indian Music by Mrs Gadre and Gavaiya Maniram of Hyderabad Mazdaznan Hall, Eros Circle, on 3-3-1944 at 6 p m today (Friday).

WEST COAST COUNTRY CRAFTS OWNERS' AND TINDELS' ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held today (Friday) at 6 p m under the presidentship of Mr S A Brelvi, at the Bahai's Assembly Hall (above Purohit Restaurant) 2nd floor, Krishna Bldg., Bori Bunder.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHITS: Study Class on "The Septenary Constitution of Man" from the Ocean of Theosophy by W Q Judge. Jehangir Wadia Bldg. Flora Fountain today (Friday) 6-15 p.m.

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BOMBAY BRANCH ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY:—A Meeting of the Society will be held in the Society's Rooms today (Friday) at 6-15 p m (S T) when a public Lecture on Interpretation of the Upanishads will be given by Mr. B K. Chatterjee, (Accountant-General, Calcutta).

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of the Council of the University of Bombay Teachers' Association, it was decided to convene a conference of the University of Bombay Teachers' Association, some time in the Easter Week, tentatively fixed on the 8th and 9th of April, 1944. Draft Agenda for the Conference will be prepared by the enlarged Council which is to meet on Sunday (12th inst.) at 3 p.m. in the President's Office. Members may send in their suggestions to the Hon. Secretary, as soon as possible

The Council of the U B T A. has also approved the detailed scheme of 'assurance' for University Teachers' which is to be conducted on behalf of the U B T A, and in collaboration with any machinery that may be set up by the U B T A and the New India Assurance Co. Ltd.

BEST WORKERS TO TAKE STRIKE BALLOT.—At a meeting of the Managing Committee of their Union, the workers of the B E S T Co. decided to take a strike ballot, and if the result is favourable, to give a strike notice to the company. The Union recently terminated the award of Mr. Justice Broomfield that was given in July, 1942 after a strike of traffic-men. Negotiations with the Company have failed and the Union has approached the Government of Bombay with a request for a fresh adjudication. If this request is granted the possible cessation of work will be avoided.

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KASTURBA'S LIFE STORY

Hind Kitabs, Bombay, will shortly publish a life-story of Kasturba, together with tributes from all over the world. It will be edited by Mr R K Prabhu, Assistant Editor "Bombay Chronicle". Publishers' profits and Editor's royalties on this book will be donated to the Kasturba Memorial Fund which is to be opened in Bombay. Mr M R Masani, Mayor of Bombay, will write a foreword.

Merrie Town Fete

The Merrie Town Fete Organising Committee has decided to extend the Fete till Sunday, March 5.

Mrs. Palk's Gifts Stall has discontinued. It was only owing to the great generosity of various donors of gifts that the stall has been able to do good business for the six days it has been open.

There have been no expenses whatever and Mrs. Palk hopes to hand over about Rs. 10,000 as the net profit to the Fete Committee.

The Red Cross Fund, according to the organisers, will benefit to the extent of nearly two lakhs of rupees from this effort.

NEW FELLOW OF UNIVERSITY

Principal S. N. Shukla has been declared elected a fellow of the Bombay University from the Registered Graduates Constituency, having secured 10,238 out of the 13,587 valid votes polled. His rival candidates secured votes as follows: Mr. N. K. Gharpure, 1,199; Mr. C. B. Joshi, 1,587 and Mr. N. G. Mohile, 563.

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Psychological thrills through suggestion are served up in a new type of detective story in "Fingers at the Window", at Strand.

With Lew Ayres, Laraine Day and Basil Rathbone heading the cast, the film deals with a strange series of murders committed by lunatics under hypnotic control. When Miss Day as a night-club dancer is menaced by the

A Scene from 'Fired Wife' at Regal.

axe-killers, Ayres enacting a debonair young actor, turns amateur detective and despite police opposition succeeds in tracing the crimes down to a "master mind."

"STORMY WEATHER" AT EROS

Twentieth Century-Fox's spectacular musical with an all-Negro cast "Stormy Weather" which had a very good reception at Eros during Xmas is revived again the latest March of Time 'Invasion' will also be shown.

Keyed to present-day headlines, "The Adventures of Tartu" is a stirring drama of intrigue, coupled with a romance that almost defeats its purpose. Robert Donat is the star and Valerie Hobson enacts the leading feminine role.

Although little of the action takes place in London M.-G.-M. sent Director Harold S. Bucquet to the British capital so that he could inject all the realism which the script provided. To that end, original scenes of the Nazi blitz of 1940 and the ruined remains of Florence Nightingale's Nurses' Home have been incorporated.

Screen audiences are in for some exciting enlightenment when they see "Spitfire" Samuel Goldwyn's presentation released by R.K.O. Radio starring Leslie Howard and David Niven. 'Spitfire' tells the dramatic true-to-life story of the little known designer of the Spitfire fighter plane who well may be considered one of the greatest heroes of World War II. 'Spitfire' at New Empire.

This designer was R. J. Hitchell; and he had the vision to realize Britain's coming need for total defence against Hitler's total war, and the genius to provide the dangerous weapon which was to shoot the Luftwaffe out of British skies. It is as Mitchell that Leslie Howard is cast, projecting the perceptive, dogged inventor and also the sensitive, lovable human being who in the end deliberately sacrificed his life to assure his duty well done.

Watch on the Rhine is continued for another week at Excelsior.

"Dixie" starring Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and Marjorie Reynolds will be shown at Aurora.

"Hit the Ice", starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, is at Palace this week.

At Paradise (Mahim) "Desperate Journey, Starring Ronald Reagan and Nancy Coleman will be shown from Friday to Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday, Captains of the Clouds" featuring, James Cagney and Brenda Marshall will be screened in technicolor.

Rise In Charcoal Prices

Owing to further increase in the cost of importing charcoal into Bombay City on Government account, the Government of Bombay has raised the selling rates of charcoal as under from March 3:

Medium quality Rs. 1/10 per quarter.

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Supplies to consumers are made through authorised charcoal dealers working under the auspices of the Bombay Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., which has under consideration the question of opening such service in the suburbs and increasing the number of authorised dealers in the City.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY AMATEUR BOXING FEDERATION

The Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Presidency Amateur Boxing Federation was held on Friday February 25, Mr. H. V. Pointon was elected President for the ensuing year and Sir Frederick Stones and Mr. A. W. Puttick were elected as Vice-Presidents. Four members of the Managing Committee retired by rotation and Messrs. G. L. Chard, K. J. Dubash, A. E. Lomas and J. S. A. Stevenson were re-elected to fill these vacancies. Col. W. H. Hammond was appointed Honorary Life President. The Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet showed the Federation to be in a sound financial position.

LECTURES ON VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY: Swami Sambuddhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar will deliver a lecture on different schools of Vedanta Philosophy at Batlibol's Institute, Prescot Road, Road, Fort, Bombay on Saturday at 3-30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS CLASSES: Swami Sambuddhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram will conduct a class on Bagwat Geeta at the Ramakrishna Mission Library Hall on Sunday at 10 a.m. (N.S.T.) The Swami will also conduct a class on the gospels of Sri Ramakrishna (in Hindi and English) at the above Hall on Sunday at 6-30 p.m.

ARTILLERY PRACTICE: Artillery firing practice will take place in Bombay on March 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28 and 29.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Better a thousand fold abuse of free speech than denial of free speech. The abuse dies in a day, but the denial slays the life of the people and entombs the hope of the race.

—Charles Bradlaugh

The Bombay Chronicle

FOOD SUBSIDIES

The Central Legislative Assembly did well to accept Mr. Govind Deshmukh's resolution on subsidies to agriculturists in spite of Government's opposition to it. The resolution was that 'as an anti-inflationary measure, a loan of Rs. 10 crores, earmarked for purposes of subsidising agriculturists to grow more food and increase milk products, be now floated." The main object of the resolution was evidently to grow more food with special reference to milk and milk products. But the mover seems to have emphasised its anti-inflationary character as the very term 'anti-inflation" has a fascination for the Finance Member. Though there was no worked out plan of costs behind the resolution its principle was accepted by all. The idea appears to have been that mere loans to agriculturists are not sufficient inducement to produce adequate additional food soon enough and that generous subsidies on a wide scale are indispensable. The principle has already been accepted by Government themselves. Mr. Tyson, Secretary, Depa tmen o Health, Education and an s, pointed out that the Government of India, in the course o. their grow-more-food-campaign, had accepted liabilities in 1943-44 to the extent of Rs. 83 lakhs in the form of subsidies and that during the coming year, Government had accepted commitments to the extent of Rs. 65 lakhs in subsidies. These small sums have failed to improve the food situation to the requisite extent and that is precisely the reason for the demand for more generous subsidies.

The Finance Member's opposition to the resolution was quite unconvincing. He said that the question of earmarking a particular sum of money for a particular purpose created a difficulty and that, as all receipts went into one control pool from which they disbursed expenditure on items approved by Government, earmarking a particular sum of money would obstruct the ordinary procedure of Government finance. This is a trivial difficulty, common in all budgets, and can be easily got over. It is only a question of keeping accounts. The Finance Member admitted that food subsidies were common in England now but objected that similar ones in a vast country like India would be very expensive. The objection betrays a lamentably wrong scale of values. Here are thousands dying in the country from sheer starvation and many more are suffering from the effects of malnutrition. And when Government are asked to take earnest and thorough measures to grow more food instead of continually tinkering with a problem of life and death the Finance Member boggles at the cost of Rs. 10 crores for the whole country, though his own budget expenditure for the year is Rs. 363 crores. At a time when nearly the whole country is faced with a prospect of acute scarcity, a sum of Rs. 10 crores to grow ample food is nothing. The plan of subsidies could be used to make permanent improvements in the land, to dig more wells and otherwise add to irrigational facilities, to promote the use of fertilisers, and generally to improve agriculture and dairy farming in a variety of ways. This will be a permanent gain for which Rs. 10 crores is a small price. In the absence of such timely productive expenditure, crores may have to be spent for doles to the famine-stricken. It is a pity that a Finance Member, of all men, should have opposed the scheme on the ground of cost. However, now that the resolution has been adopted by the Assembly in spite of Government's opposition, they ought to reconsider their attitude and give effect to its principle on a sufficiently large scale.

"Our Economic Problem"

Books on Indian Economics have for some years past been published by expert economists and from the trend of the economic thought we find that the authors, while following in the main the traditional methods of the western economists, do not show any lack of initiative or originality in presenting our complex Indian conditions —a rather difficult task, especially as the data on which they have to formulate their doctrines are incomplete.

Of these attempts "Our Economic Problem" by Professors P. A. Wadia and Merchant (New Book Co., Bombay) is of outstanding merit. It presents our problems in a thorough and exhaustive manner. The authors, while discussing the economic effect of the social institutions and human factor, have not neglected the bearing of sociological aspects.

In these days when the talk of post-war economic planning is so common, especially since the publication of the 10,000 crore plan, "Our Economic Problem" is a timely publication, in which the authors plead for a socially controlled planned 'economy. It will prove indispensable for a correct appraisal of the various proposals that are being put before the public.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

U. S. Offensive In Pacific

The American landing on the Admiralty Islands and the swift occupation of its principal airfield is one more evidence of the offensive spirit which now marks the Allied operations in the Pacific. Though territorially the Islands are not of much importance, strategically their capture signifies the successful conclusion of the swinging movement pivoting on New Guinea and finally removes the threat of a flank attack on Allied supply lines. Perhaps more important than this is the tightening of the blockade of the remaining Japanese bases. Particularly Rabaul, which has frequently received a severe plastering, will now be subjected to an increasing process of attrition. It has already lost much of its value as a base to the Japs but now the garrison there is itself faced with annihilation. One may thus confidently look forward to the successful termination of the campaign in the Bismarck Archipelago and the further extension of Allied offensive operations towards the Japanese mainland.

Air Power & Invasion

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Britain's Air Minister, gave a heartening picture of the Allied air strength in his last speech in the Commons. After detailing the great damage that is being done by German war production by the non-stop air blitz, he observed: "There lies before us now clearly attainable the glittering prize of air supremacy—the talisman that can paralyse the German war industry and war transport. That will clear the road for the progress of the Allied armies to Berlin." This is undoubtedly true and air power, through which Germany won most of her victories, will itself be the means of her destruction. But even so air power has necessarily a subsidiary role to play in the invasion of Europe. One must, therefore, view with some misgiving the suggestion made in American diplomatic circles that if the Anglo-American air forces were given more time to smash Germany, the lives of thousands of Allied soldiers could be saved and that bombing by itself could cause a collapse of the German war effort. Already the opening of the second front has been postponed and any further delay is bound to lead to a feeling of frustration not only among the Allied people themselves but also in the occupied countries which have been awaiting liberation so long. Nor can it be said that the Allied air force has not received sufficient opportunity to prove its efficacy.

Scheduled Castes And Services

Though the Central Assembly rejected without a division Rao Bahadur Sivaraj's cut motion to discuss the non-representation of the scheduled castes in the Railway services, he had a legitimate grievance which deserves to be sympathetically considered by Government and other employers. He pointed out that only about 3 per cent of the Hindus in the Railways belonged to the scheduled castes. In any but the inferior services their representation is negligible. This is unfair once the principle of communal representation even in the services is accepted and applied to other communities. The plea that there are not enough qualified men of these castes is not true now. In any case, if the principle is to be applied in spirit as well as in the letter, special attempts should be made to give the necessary training to the scheduled castes.

Caste Tyranny

The special importance of appointing the scheduled castes in all the services and in all the departments is that it is a powerful means, both direct and indirect, of removing untouchability in the civic sphere. Again by stimulating higher education among the castes it does much for their uplift. Mr. Baijanath Bajoria, opposing the motion, argued that he could not agree to the contention that simply because a man belonged to the Depressed class he should be given any job. Yet the very principle of caste which, we believe, he champions is that simply because a man belongs to the so-called higher castes he must be entitled to the higher jobs of his caste, irrespective of his merits and that simply because a man belongs to the so-called lowest castes he should be condemned to sweeping and scavenging, irrespective of his worth "First deserve and then desire", said Mr. Bajoria. But he forgot that for centuries the "higher" castes have done everything to prevent the scheduled castes from deserving any but the meanest jobs, nay, even from deserving higher ones, so completely have the Untouchables been kept under superstition and caste tyranny.

BULLOCKS FOR BURMA FRONT

CALCUTTA, March 2.

Indian bullocks on services with the army are now put through a "battle course" somewhere near the Burma front. The bullocks are being trained by the West African force. Their performance under the most arduous conditions shows them to be almost as surefooted as the more famous mules and capable of carrying far heavier loads.

The bullocks are battleworth to-day and each will soon tread its way to the front line to help beat the Japanese. Each has its regimental numbers branded on its horns.—A. P.

Our Readers' View

Our Duty To Kasturba

Kasturba worked with the Mahatma, for India's freedom, but she could not see our country free. However her soul, which is immortal, will rejoice to see her country free, the cause for which they both fought so gallantly. Our greatest duty to her is to carry on her unfinished task to its fruition.

MOHOMEDALI EBRAHIM.

Renaming Our Roads

I was indeed very glad to read about the move in the Corporation for renaming Girgaum Road after the late Mahadev Desai, "Bapu's Boswell."

May I offer one or two more suggestions for consideration of the City Fathers of our "Bombay, the Beautiful?"

Esplanade Road is already renamed as Mahatma Gandhi Road. How have we forgotten our beloved Gurudev? Hornby Road may be renamed as Rabindranath Tagore Road. And then, it will be equally befitting to remember the "First Lady of the Land." Can't we rename Kalbadevi Road as Kasturba Road? That would, I think, be a good memorial.

DHIRUBHAI KAPADIA.

Kastoor Wadi, Vile Parle.
March 2, 1944.

Adult Franchise For Corporation

In your edition of Sunday "Chronicle" of February 20 there appears on page 9 a report on "Adult Franchise for Corporation" under the caption Jamnadas, Horniman and Sabavala "Demanded it." This is entirely wrong and misleading. The whole report as published puts a point of view which I do not hold. I am opposing Adult Franchise for Corporation on the ground that it is undemocratic, unrepresentative of minority opinion that if it is imposed on us it will mean a total blackout of all minorities concerned.

A. P. SABAVALA.

Sophia College Incident

In his letter dated the 14th February, appearing in the issue of the "Times of India" on the 17th February, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad has observed with reference to the two resolutions passed by the Senate at their meeting held on the 12th February regarding the Sophia College that "in this matter the Senate has been badly served by the Syndicate, who, by the manner in which they placed their recommendations before the Senate, pushed the latter into an inconsistent position." He goes on to state that "if the Syndicate recommended that the Senate record their opinion in favour of disaffiliation they should have recommended that the Senate record their opinion against renewal of affiliation". With due deference to Sir Chimanlal, I wish to point out that this criticism is not fair to the Syndicate as will be clear from what follows.

Those who have read the agenda of the Senate carefully will find it stated on page 7 that the Syndicate had resolved at their meeting held on the 15th January that the resolution on the application for affiliation be 'not' moved in the event of the motion for disaffiliation being passed, and that it should only be moved in the event of the motion for disaffiliation not being passed. The Syndicate had visualised both eventualities as they could not anticipate the decision of the Senate. They could not, as Sir Chimanlal would wish them to have done, have recommended that the Senate record their opinion against renewal of affiliation, because, on the report made by the Local Inquiry Committee and in view of the opinion of the Academic Council and their own opinion the conditions of affiliation laid down in Section 39 (1) of the Bombay University Act had been substantially satisfied by the College authorities. The Syndicate could not therefore recommend disaffiliation on the 'merits' of the application for affiliation, even though on grounds not covered by Section 39 (1) they were satisfied that the College should be disaffiliated. If, instead of passing the motion for disaffiliation, the Senate had rejected that motion, or if that motion had been referred to another Committee or back to the Syndicate, the motion for affiliation would have been moved by the member of the Syndicate in whose name it stood. But, as it happened, the motion for disaffiliation was carried, and consistent with the resolution referred to above, Diwan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri, in whose name the motion for affiliation stood on the agenda, declined to move it. The motion for affiliation was actually moved by Principal V. K. Joag, a member of the Senate who had the right to move it, and could not be prevented from moving it, since the rules of procedure of the Senate provide that if a member, in whose name a motion stands, is absent or declines to move it, it may be moved by any other member. The attitude of the Syndicate, therefore, has been quite consistent.

Now, as regards the alleged inconsistency between the two resolutions passed by the Senate, I should like to point out that there is really no inconsistency for the following reasons:—

(1) The Senate is not the body vested with the power to pass final orders either with regard to affiliation or disaffiliation; it is the Government who have to pass these orders.

(2) The Senate is bound, by Sections 39 and 42 of the Act, to record their opinion and forward it to Government. In recording their opinion on the application for continuation of affiliation of the Sophia College, the Senate could not express an opinion on matters failing outside the scope of Section 39 (1) of the Act, which only lays down conditions to be satisfied by a College applying for affiliation. On the other hand, in expressing their opinion on the motion for disaffiliation, they were free to take into account matters which did not necessarily fall under Section 39 (1) of the Act.

(3) The words "without prejudice" are not an unmeaning phrase. They make it clear that, while by their first resolution the Senate recommended disaffiliation because they were satisfied that a case for disaffiliation had been made out under Section 42, they could not but record their opinion in favour of the application for continuation of affiliation because the College authorities had satisfied the conditions of academic efficiency contemplated by Section 39 (1) of the Act.

(4) The decision on the motion for affiliation might have been quite different had not about a dozen members of the Senate owing to the lateness of the hour left the meeting after the passing of the motion for disaffiliation.

M. Y. HAINDADAY.

KHAN BAHADUR H. A. FAZELBHOY HONOURED

The Muslim employees and agents of the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Company held a tea-party on Tuesday last at the Bar Council Hall, High Court Building to congratulate Khan Bahadur H. A. Fazelbhoy, J.P. Acting Agency Superintendent, on his having received the title of Khan Bahadur. Mr. Hyder F. Merchant was in the chair.

"M. G." PERTURBED OVER INDIAN BUDGET

"Hard Facts" About Repayment Of Debt By Britain: Whitehall's Defence Cost Bargain!

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, March 2.

Sir Jeremy Raisman's budget presented in the Indian Legislature has caused a flutter of criticism in circles concerned with the growing fiscal burdens of India. These circles recall Lord Wavell's Pilgrim speech where he showed anxiety to "lessen India's tremendous war burden" while, according to them, Sir Jeremy Raisman has drastically stepped up the country's fiscal burden instead.

HARD FACTS, INDEED

Only the "Manchester Guardian" has so far commented on the budget. The paper refers to India's sterling resources which Sir Jeremy Raisman said would be founded for post-war reconstruction and says: "Obviously any Indian attempt to call in these claims (estimated at one thousand million pounds) within a few years is bound to fail whether the money was spent here or anywhere else. That is no matter of goodwill or politics but one of hard facts. If the claims are well spread over a number of years they will still require British exports without return imports; but our economy could be adapted to the burden. Any debtor, however, must be sure that the creditor will accept payment—we must ask Indians to spend most of their funds here or in sterling area."

INDIAN BARGAIN WITH WHITEHALL

Referring to the Indo-British defence expenditure agreement, the "Guardian" comments: "The light-hearted manner in which the British Government has allowed these huge debts to accumulate is made clear from the Finance Member's statement that India bears still no financial liability for any units of the armed forces in India which are unconnected with strictly local defence. Sir Jeremy has driven a bargain with Whitehall which will be remembered for generations."

A CRORE A DAY ON DEFENCE

Prof. C. N. Vakil interviewed said: The main objectionable feature of the budget is the amount of expenditure charged to India under the enlarged interpretation of the Financial Settlement as decided last year, which introduced the theory of Joint War Measures. Should India be made liable to such heavy defence expenditure as Rs. 300 crores in the current year as well as in the coming year, taking the capital expenditure into account, is a question on which the most earnest attention needs to be devoted by all concerned. Assuming that the estimates will be exceeded as usual, we shall find that the defence expenditure in the coming year will be a crore a day.

PREVENTION OF INFLATION AT A ROOT.

The fact that the raising of the rupee resources required by the U. K. and the U. S. A. is primarily their responsibility is indirectly admitted by them in their efforts to raise at least part of such resources now by the sale of gold in India. If the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India can help the allied governments in this way, they can also extend the same help by enabling them to raise more rupee resources on the credit of British commercial assets in India, or give them credit in rupees raised by loans for the purpose. This will prevent the need for issuing more currency to that extent, and thus effectively stop further inflation at the root. So long as this source of further inflation is not checked, the danger will remain in spite of the vigorous efforts of the Finance Member to introduce anti-inflationary measures.

ANTI-INFLATIONARY BUDGET

Subject to this, it is gratifying to note from the Budget Speech that the Finance Member is fully alive to the inflation danger and is determined to take all possible other steps to avoid its evils. Those economists who pointed out the same thing last year will find that their arguments habe been substantially accepted, though late, not only as regards the analysis of the situation, but also as regards the practical remedies. Facing realities as they are, to meet the total rupee requirements both on behalf of the allies and the Government of India, the alternatives before the Indian public are:—(1) pay more taxes, invest more money in Government loans, cooperate in all manner of economic controls for the better distribution of available supplies and help in the production of more civilian goods, and thus reduce the inflationary gap; or (2) allow the Government to meet its total requirements for war mainly by inflationary methods and in consequence suffer all the misery that is bound to follow from the same, which is worse than the severest form of taxation. From this point of view, the present budget should be welcomed as a frankly anti-inflationary budget. But the sincerity of the Government of India regarding anti-inflationary measures will be doubted so long as they do not take effective steps to prevent the need for issuing more currency and to encourage more production by all possible methods without further delay.

BRITISH INDIAN SUBJECTS MUST BE PROTECTED AGAINST PRINCES

Kazmi's Motion For Circulation Of Amending Bill Rejected In Assembly

NEW DELHI, March 2.

The Assembly held a brief sitting to dispose of non-official bills.

The House agreed to continue Qazi M. A. Kazmi's bills further to amend to Code of Criminal Procedure 1893, amendment of Secs. 378 and 429, bill to abolish the punishment of whipping and bill further to amend the code of criminal 1898 (Sec. 162, 488 and 496).

The House passed Khan Bahadur Shaikh Fazl-i-Haq Piracha's bill to amend the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 as amended by the Select Committee. The bill sought to increase the rate of payment made to a cabin class Haj pilgrim under Sec. 209 A of the Act from Re. 1 a day to Rs. 3 a day when pilgrims are detained at Jeddah for more than 25 days owing to shipping difficulties. The Select Committee amended the bill to provide for the postponement of the operation of the bill when enacted until such a date as the Central Government may notify.

A provision in Sec. 209 A of the Act relieves the shipping companies of the liability to make payments in the event of war disturbances and accordingly their liability is practically suspended at present.

Dr. N. B. Khare, Member, Overseas, on behalf of the Government gave an assurance that the new provisions would be brought into force as soon as possible after normal conditions were restored.

BILL TO AMEND INDIAN STATES ACT.

The House then rejected without a division, Qazi M. A. Kazmi's motion for circulation of his bill to amend the Indian States (Protection Against Disaffection) Act 1922.

Mr. Kazmi complained that this Act was misused and abused by the Princes of certain States and quoted instances where he said a British Indian editor or author had been put to considerable hardship. He did not ask for repeal of the Act although he would be justified in doing it. He only wanted to amend the Act so that a person accused of writing or publishing anything considered objectionable against a State should be tried at the place where the publication was printed and not in some other place or in the State where the publication was circulated and to provide that such an accused should have right of appeal to a high court of judicature.

Mr. Navalrai supporting the motion, said that the British Indian subject should be given some protection against Princes who as prosecutors had much greater influence and resources. The Bill was a moderate one and as the motion asked for only circulation for eliciting opinion of the public and perhaps the Press and Rulers in States also, the Government should not have any difficulty in accepting it.

VENUE OF TRIAL

Sir Asoka Roy, Law Member, opposing the Bill said that under the Criminal Procedure Code, all offences were triable at the place where they were committed and under this general procedure, the venue of trial in the case of an offence under the States Protection Act would be where copies of the offending Article were circulated. He could not see any reason why a special exception from this general practice should be made in the case of offences under this Act, as the Bill sought to make.

Referring to right of appeal, Sir Asoka Roy said that the assurance given by Government at the time of passing the Act to his mind could only refer to any high court which had jurisdiction in the area of the trial court and not to a chartered high court in British India as Mr. Kazmi inferred.

LAW MEMBER'S OBJECTION

Sir Sultan Ahmed at this stage asked Mr. Kazmi where he would have his trial supposing he wrote a book which was taken objection to and which was actually printed in England. According to the wording of the amendment he would have to take his trial in England.

Mr. Kazmi admitted the soundness of the Law Member's objection to the wording of the bill and he also appreciated the difficulty pointed out by Sir Sultan Ahmed. But the wording of the bill could be amended suitably to get over this difficulty either now or later in the Select Committee stage. Government could not deny, he said, that the Act during its existence of 22 years had been several times misused resulting in hardship to British Indian subjects and if they accepted that, he could not see why they could not agree to the principles of the Bill.

The motion was rejected without a division.

Maulvi Muhammad Abdul Ghani then introduced his bill to amend the Delhi Muslim Wakfs Act 1943 to remove certain difficulties arising in the interpretation of the Act.

The House adjourned till to-morrow. —A.P.

States Merger Bill

WESTMINSTER, March 1.

Moving the second reading of the India (Attachment of States) Bill in the House of Commons to-day, the Attorney-General, Sir Donald Somervell, followed the same lines of the Earl of Munster's speech in the recent Lords debate.

Sir Donald Somervell said that there was the right of appeal provided to the political authorities should a talukdar consider his or his people's rights infringed.

Various suggestions were considered —whether it would be possible to confederate these small units into larger units and whether also they should be consolidated into British India.

When Mr. Sorensen (Labour) asked if there had been any demand by the people of these States for attachment, Sir Donald Somervell said that it would be a great mistake if, when there was an obvious deficiency like lack of medical services, Government waited till a demand came from the people, many of whom would be ignorant that such a service could be available. It was important to emphasise that the powers which would be exercised by the attached States were powers which the taluqdars were not in a position to exercise and never had exercised.

The President of the Board of Education, Mr. Butler, replied to the debate on the India Bill which was read a second time without a division. —Reuter.

AMERICAN PRESS

University Men To Make Enquiry Into Its Status

CHICAGO, Feb. 29 (By Cable).

Dr. Robert K. Hutchins, President of the University of Chicago, announced that a commission has been formed with himself as Chairman to conduct a two-year study into the status of the press and of press freedom in the United States. The investigation will be the most ambitious attempt yet made to assess the functions and achievements of American media of information.

The "press" Dr. Hutchins said, will be interpreted in its broadest meaning, as including not only everything that is printed, whether newspaper book or magazine, but also news reels, documentary films and radio programmes. The commission will inquire into the nature of duties and responsibilities of these agencies, Dr. Hutchins said, omitting nothing—news stories, editorials, columns, features and advertisements, all will be scrutinised.

In his public announcement Dr. Hutchins said:

"The commission won't be merely a deliberative body. We hope the importance of its task will be so apparent that newspaper publishers and editors will be glad to appear before it to give testimony on their experiences in operating a free press. We shall hope to hear not only from the 'ivory tower' editors but also from reporters, desk men, research associates, advertising and circulation directors and readers.

"The commission plans to examine the areas and circumstances under which the press of the United States is succeeding or failing; to discover where free expression is or isn't limited, whether by governmental censorship, pressures of readers or advertisers, the lack of wisdom of its own proprietors, or the timidity of its managers."

The commission includes university professors, lawyers, bankers, and a foreign advisory board. The board includes Dr. Hu Shih former Chinese Ambassador to the United States.—U.S.O.W.I.

Inter-Provincial Hockey

SECOND SEMI-FINAL A DRAW AGAIN

The replay of the second semi-final between Gwalior and Delhi, resulted in a draw, each side scoring once. The game was somewhat of an improvement on yesterday's essay, with Delhi in the first half of play putting in a little more fire into the day's doings than they did yesterday. Umpire Pearse again proved that he is not quite the class for a Tournament of this importance when he overlooked several instances of both "off-sides" as well as "sticks", Delhi being chiefly the sufferers by reason of his default.

Delhi opened sensationally when in the very second minute they opened their account through Zamir, Aziz doing the initial spade work. Thereafter, Delhi continued to have slightly the better of the exchanges up to the interval.

After resumption, however, it was Gwalior that impressed, and from one of the several raids they made on the Delhi citadel, Roopsing was able to bring his level off a penalty corner. The replay will take place this evening.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

NEW DELHI, March 1: Mining is a dangerous occupation but not necessarily injurious to health, said the Hon. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Labour Member, replying to a question by Mr. K. S. Gupta regarding conditions of labour in coal mines. .....

Answering another question by the same member, Dr. Ambedkar admitted that working conditions in mines have not been very satisfactory. Dissatisfaction and discontent under such conditions were quite normal.

—Assembly Report.

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There is no restriction on the books and periodicals which Gandhiji and members of the Congress Working Committee are allowed to receive, said the Home Member in the Assembly.

Then, as an after-thought in the interests of truth, he added: *"If on examination they are found to be unobjectionable."*

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Mr. G. D. Birla characterizes the Budget as "barren and sterile."

And yet it has given birth to a lot of troubles!

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Sir Jeremy Raisman said in the Assembly that Government viewed with sympathy all efforts to grow more food and increase milk products.....

Except, of course, food for thought and the milk of human kindness!

* * *

Mr. Gwilt (European Group) warned the Government of the danger of milk famine.

Oh, don't worry, commented our 'doodh-bhayya', there is plenty of water in the rivers and lakes of India!

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"Mining", said Dr. Ambedkar in answer to a question, "is a dangerous occupation but not necessarily injurious to health."

Very much like Executive Councillorship, it seems!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The All-India Radio has prepared a scheme to employ all the journalists in India on fancy salaries and editors of newspapers are getting worried.*

(2) *"Mopping up", reports from Arakan, is a different process than "sweeping" victory reported from the Russian front.*

(3) *"Hill features" are quite different from "bulges", "pockets", "salients" and "terrain"—or so our war expert tells us!*

(4) *Germans have begun to fear an invasion but the Allies have not yet begun to hope!*

(5) *Now that it is already an offence to put milk in ice-cream, soon it may be criminal to put milk in—milk!*

(6) *With the introduction of kerosene rationing, it will be an offence to burn the midnight oil or to pour oil over troubled waters!*

(7) *A Magistrate who was criticised by the Higher Court for "lack of judicial balance" should have reminded his superior that justice is supposed to be blind.*

WAVELL WON'T BLAME INDIAN ARMY

Field-Marshal Says Failure In Arakan was His

NEW YORK, March 2.

Writing of his "personal impressions of the Indian soldier" in the American magazine "Atlantic" Field Marshal Lord Wavell says: "I owe the Indian warrior a debt which I should like to repay with some tribute to his prowess.

"The Sikhs contribute more soldiers to the army in proportion to their numbers than any other class in India—first class soldiers in every way. The Punjabi Mussalman forms the backbone of many units. The Rajputs are fine fighting men. The Dogras are of magnificent metal, of whom any Commanding officer would take all he could get. The Jats are also first class material. The Pathan from British India makes a good soldier."

Lord Wavell pays a tribute to the exploits of the Fourth and Fifth Indian divisions in Africa. Alluding to the conduct of Indian troops in Malaya and Burma, Lord Wavell writes, "I saw the Indian soldier in disaster and retreat. My impression of him was this. He was often bewildered and at a loss in strange and alarming conditions for which his training provided no solution. But he did not lose his discipline or soldierly bearing and seldom broke into panic. On many occasions he has put up a magnificent fight against heavy odds."

ARAKAN EPISODE

About the first Arakan campaign Lord Wavell writes: "Circumstances compelled me to commit troops with little or no training in jungle craft to some of the most difficult country that could be imagined and to a long and strenuous line of communications in the hope that if all went well we might catch the enemy off the guard and gain by land a strategical objective which would have been more easily reached had shipping resources been available. At one moment we were probably not far from success.

That these inexperienced troops were eventually outmanoeuvred by a seasoned Japanese Division with the advantage of better communications, and that they became somewhat disheartened in the process cannot be held to discredit the Indian Army I set a small party of it a task beyond their training and capacity. The main responsibility for the failure is mine.

But when the effect on the other side becomes known, it will certainly not be found wholly to our disadvantage.

"I am certain that when the time comes for a real sustained counter-offensive against Japan, the Indian soldier will not be found wanting."

The article was written before Lord Wavell became Viceroy.—Reuter.

More Arab Protests Against U. S. Pro-Zionism

CAIRO, March 1: It is reliably learned here to-day that Syria, Saudi Arabia and Yemen have protested to the United States Government over alleged pro-Zionist statements made before the Congressional Committee in Washington. Similar protests already have been made by Egypt and Iraq.

Yemen is a state within Arabia.—Reuter.

SOLDIER'S WIFE GETS "QUADS"

HEANOR (Derbyshire), Feb. 29: Mrs. Nora Carpenter, 23-year-old wife of a serving soldier gave birth to 'quads'—two boys and two girls—here last night. All are doing well.—Reuter.

Conviction Upheld But Fine Reduced

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Divatia and Mr. Justice Lokur)

Framji H. Bhathena .... Appellant (Original Accused)

Versus

Imperator ..... Respondent

The appellant, doing business in "powas" in the name of the Bombay Powa Manufacturing Co. at Parel under a government license, had been convicted by Mr. K. J. Khandalawala, Presidency Magistrate, on 15th November and sentenced to a fine of Rs. 500 for having failed to make the weekly declaration required by the Government Notification of 26th August, 1942, under the Defence of India Rules in respect of 1,245 bags of coarse paddy in his possession on 7th June last.

On behalf of the appellant it was contended that the conviction was erroneous on the ground that under the terms of the license held by him under the Foodgrains Control Order 1942 he was absolved from having to make weekly returns as required by the Notification of 26th August, 1942, and was required to make monthly returns only. It was further contended that the sentence was too severe as the offence, if any, was a technical one.

Their Lordships upheld the conviction but reduced the sentence to a fine of Rs. 100 only, as their Lordships were of opinion that there was no intention on the part of the appellant to conceal any of his stock which he had been declaring every month as required by the license held by him.

Mr. B. G. Thakore appeared for the appellant.

The Assistant Government Pleader, Mr. S. G. Patwardhan appeared for the respondent.

Khareghat Memorial Volume

The colleagues of the late Mr. M. P. Khareghat on the Board of Trustees of the Parsi Punchayet have appointed an Editorial Board to prepare a Memorial Volume which may remain a fitting monument to his scholarship and service. It is proposed to give in the volume a sketch of the life of Mr. Khareghat. Much light can be thrown on his varied activities by those who came in contact with him. There may be his letters, notes, speeches, writings, essays, anecdotes, etc., in the possession or knowledge of some of them. May I, therefore, appeal through the medium of your paper to the public to send us whatever documents they may have in their possession or refer us to the source or sources from which we can obtain the same. The documents will be kept by us in a safe place and will be returned to the original possessor when done with.

Any communication on this subject may kindly be addressed to Mr. S. F. Desai, Secretary Seth M. P. Khareghat Memorial Volume Editorial Board, 209, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

Hitler's Secret Weapon Receives A Knock

14 Remote Control Miniature Tanks Destroyed During Attack On Anzio Beachhead

LONDON, March 1

Pressure on the Beachhead has continued during the last 24 hours with the Germans probing at points around the whole eastern perimeter of the Beachhead, but the real strength of the patrols has been most active in the area between Carroceto and Gisterna says Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Allied Beachhead Forces.

It is now revealed that during the last big German attack on the Anzio Beachhead a week ago, Allied Gunners knocked out 14 "remote control" German miniature Tanks, cables Reuter's special correspondent.

These are believed to be one of Hitler's vaunted "secret weapons." The Tanks carry about 1,000 pounds of explosive and are designed to be detonated after entering Allied lines.

None of these weapons is known to have penetrated because they were prematurely exploded by Allied Guns.

The Allied Headquarters are of the opinion that the Germans may be initiating another large scale Beachhead drive.

Along the Beachhead, the German Army is punching and probing the Allies and appears to be making ready for a third attempt to eliminate the Allied hold south of Rome.—Reuter.

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"KASTURBA MISSION"

BENARES, March 1:—To perpetuate the memory of Kasturba, ladies of Benares have under the presidentship of the Dowager Maharani Lalitha Kumari Devi of Vizianagrah, decided to start a Mission in Benares called the "Kasturba Mission". Maharajkumar Sir Vijaya of Vizianagram has contributed a sum of Rs. 5,000 to the organizers wishing all success to the scheme and the mission.

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YARN MARKET

Bombay, March 1.

The Yarn Market remained steady during the week and there was no improvement in demand. Demand for coarser yarns was poor but there was a good demand for fine count yarns. A Press Note was issued by the Textile Commissioner on the 24th February stating that in view of the difficulties experienced over transport, he had decided to give an extension till 30th June for the final disposal of cloth and yarn bearing August and September texmarks and an extension until 31st March for the opening of bales or cases bearing November texmark. It was expected that with this extension given by the Textile Commissioner an improvement in demand and prices will take place but these expectations have not been fulfilled. An important factor which has caused a depression in the market is the report that the Industries Committee of the Textile Control Board has recommended to Government a reduction of about 12-1/2 per cent in the ex-mill prices of yarns from the 1st March. This report has created a nervousness in the market and buyers are reluctant to enter into further fresh business under the belief that the above recommendation may be accepted by the Government and prices may therefore be reduced from March the 1st. A welcome feature during the week has been some improvement in transport facilities as railway bookings to certain centres have been opened and shipment by the sea route was also available to Calcutta although after a long time. It should however be emphasised that much more extensive facilities of transport are required in order to facilitate a fair distribution and movement of yarns to their consuming centres. There was some demand in the Northern centres and prices were steady but the tone of the market remained depressed in view of the expectation that prices may be reduced from 1st March. Prices remained steady in the Eastern centres and there was a moderate demand. There is good demand for yarn in the South Indian Markets and prices are steady. Demand for fine count yarns continues satisfactory but a heavy shortage in these counts is experienced. A state of nervousness prevails in the market for Japanese Art Silk and Stable Fibre Yarns since the fixing of their maximum prices by the Government. These prices are very low and it is hoped that early action will be taken to revise them and fix them at reasonable level after due consultation with the importers and dealers. There were increased inquiries from the export markets and some amount of business is reported to have been done for the Turkish and Abyssinian Markets.

The effect of the Central Government Budget published last evening has had a rather depressing effect in Yarn Market although prices have not so far recorded any material decline.

BOMBAY GAZETTE NOTIFICATIONS

Mr. G B Constantine, I.C.S., Commissioner of Labour and Registrar of Trade Unions for the Province of Bombay, is granted leave.

Mr. S V. Joshi, Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Bombay, is to officiate as Commissioner of Labour and Registrar of Trade Unions for the Province of Bombay.

Mr C H Bristow, Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, is granted leave.

Mr G F S Collins, Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, is granted leave.

The Governor of Bombay is pleased to extend up to the 28th February 1945 the temporary appointments of—

(1) Mr. Hyam S Israel Social Press Adviser for Bombay City.

(2) All District Magistrates are to be District Press Advisers for their respective Districts.

(3) The two Additional Special Press Advisers for Bombay City.

Mr M M DeSouza to continue to hold the temporary post of Assistant Director of Information for a further period of one month from 1st March 1944 pending further orders.

Unjha Pharmacy, Unjha, will celebrate the Golden Jubilee Day Celebration, and the Foundation Ceremony of their Ltd. Works, on Friday 10th inst. at 10 a.m. when Sjt Raj Ratna B. K. Bhate Naib Dewan Baroda State will perform the ceremony.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, March 2.

SHARES:—The weakness displayed yesterday by textile shares was more visible today with increased selling but Steel shares were comparatively steady. It appears that the full effects of the Budget are now realised and there was considerable unloading of high priced purchases. The general trend is downward and except natural rallies, indications are against any sustained rise. It will be interesting to note that raw cotton is being sold below the cost of production and mills will not be able to sell their production unless they reduce their profits substantially. Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs. 2132 and declined to Rs. 2107 and steady at Rs 2112 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 415 and declined to Rs. 412 Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs 2075 and declined to Rs. 2055 while Century mill shares which once was in the forefront during the last upward move opened at Rs. 1060 and dropped down to Rs. 1000 Kohinoor Mill shares opened at Rs. 712 and declined to Rs. 697.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

T S Ord (417/8) 416 14/8 16 11 12/8 10 11/8 12/8 12 12/8; T S Dfd. (2146/8) 2140 27/8 22/8 32/8 5 17 15 20 5 2/8 10 11 7 10 2105 Dyeing (2087/8) 2080 65 75 45 57 62 40 47 42 45 52 45; Century (1075) 1060 35 1000 10 1000 990 985; Kohinoor (712) 710 5 3 6 699 702 690 96 94 92 700 683 90 86 95 686; Swadesh (590) 590 82 86 76 81 71 74 69 67 73 569; Nagpur (437) 435 30 33 28 29 21 24 20 23 17 22 20; Simplex (268) 269 61 64 62 58 59/8 62 52 50 53 51; New Great (441) 438 28 34 25 28 24 25 18 20 20 22 18 19; Gokak (363) 361 58 59 47 50 49 51 52; Cement (218/4) 219/8 17 18/4 17 17/8 18 17.

TEXTILE SECTION: Ahmedabad Advance 502-8; Apollo 4-14; Bharat Mills 85; Bcm. Dyeing 2045; Central India 420; Century 985; Colaba 237-8, Dewan 1140; E.D Sassoon 690; Elphinstone 108; Finlay 327; Gokak 352; Hindustan 4010; Ind. Bleaching 222; Ind. United Ord. 18-6; Indore Malwan 1177-8; Khatau 435; Kohinoor 686; Lakshmi 1830; Machovji 26-12; Minerva 312-8; Model Nagpur 307-8 Madhusudan 525; Meyer Sassoon 241-4; Morarji 885; Mysore 312-8; New Great 419; Phornix 777-8; Podar Mills 480; Sassoon Silk 103; Sholapur 6,700; Srinivas 430; Simplex 251; Swadeshi 569; Tata Mills 63-8; Vishnu 550; Western India 3,700; Swan 335.

INSURANCE SECTION: Bom. Life 227-8; Empire Life 815; Oriental 6.310; Vulcan 20; Jupiter 41; New India 89.

HYDRO AND ELECT. SECTION: Ahmedabad Elect. 201-4; Ajmer 14-8; Andra Valley 1825; Bom. Tram Ord. 141-8; Bom. Suburban 197-8; Karachi 253-12; Broach 13-6; Poona 300; Surat 198-12; do new 70; Tata Hydro Ordy. 198-8; Tata Power Ordy. 1852-8

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION: Alembic Chemical 390; Alcock Ashdown 612-8; Asso. Cement 217; Bom Burma Old 407-8; do New 148-12; B B Petrol 3-2; Belapur 237; Invest Trust 76; Bom. Steamer 677-8; Prem Const. 215; Port Canning 113; Scindia 34-8; Shivrajpur 65; Tata Chemical 31-4; Tata Oil 80; Tata Ordy 412-8; Tata Defd 2,105; Wimco 327-8.

GOVT SECURITY: 2-3/4 1948/52 Loan 99-14; 3-1/2 per cent G P Notes 99-2; 3 per cent 1946 Def 1st 102-3; 3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 100-12; 3 per cent 1951/54 3rd 100-4; 3 per cent 1953/55 4th Def 100-4; 3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 98-8; 3-1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 103-3; 4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 112-10; 4-1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 115-14.

TAX FREE LOANS: 5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 105-4; 4 per cent Mysore 1953/63. sore 1953/63; 123-8 5 per cent Mysore 1953-134/8.

BULLION:—Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0 Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was also unchanged at 44-3/4 cents. The local market was fairly steady with a moderate demand for silver as supplies are limited. Forward silver opened at Rs. 123/12 and declined to Rs. 123/4 on moderate liquidation and later improved to Rs. 123/8. Ready Silver commanded a premium of Rs 2/8 Gold was quiet with spot quotation Rs. 70/15 and forward business was done at Rs 70/14.

Later on there was moderate buying and prices improved. Ready Silver Rs. 126-6, Forward Rs. 124-2. Ready Gold Rs. 71, Forward Rs. 70-15-6.

COTTON: The local Cotton Market was quiet to-day and demand for ready cotton remains disappointing while up-country markets show lower rate with utter absence of demand. It will be seen that as compared with cloth prices cotton is selling cheaper and even at this unduly low prices, mills are not willing to buy It appears that cotton has no friend today and price now realised being uneconomic the purchasing capacity will be greatly reduced. It appears that the interest of cotton growers is neglected as all attempts are being made to grow more food. March delivery was quoted at Rs. 457 while May opened at Rs. 457 and declined to Rs. 455-8.

In the afternoon there was some covering and prices ruled steady, May was quoted at Rs. 457. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I C C March Rs. 457, I C C May Rs. 456-8, I C C July Rs. 459-8

COTTON ARRIVALS: Central India 199, Barsi 739, Berar 755, Dholeras 802 N.-W. Provinces 196 Broach 2,304 Egyntian 91 East African 21. Total 5,110.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May Contract is below New York May 272 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

I C C March highest 457, lowest 453-1/2, closing 456-3/4 I C C May highest 457, lowest 454, closing 456-3/4, I C C July highest 458-1/2, lowest 455-1/2, closing 458-1/2.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 1.

March 20.75+08. May 20.33+08 July 19.75+05, October 19.29+05 December 19.12+07 January 19.05+07 May highest 20.33+08 (12-2 p.m.) lowest 20.25 (10-12 a.m.) Middling Spot 21.28+08

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I understand that the MERRIE TOWN FETE is being extended to the end of the week. Gradually but surely it has become a delightful spot for an amusing hour every evening. The atmosphere remains friendly. The word "courtesy" predominates every act of service. The men and chiefly WOMEN who work in the various stalls have given of their time and energy most generally. There is a constant desire to help these workers and it must be said to the credit of those who organised this show that they have brought to the Fete a delightful spirit of selfless worth. I feel the Fete should be closed with as much eclat as it was opened.

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NOTICE

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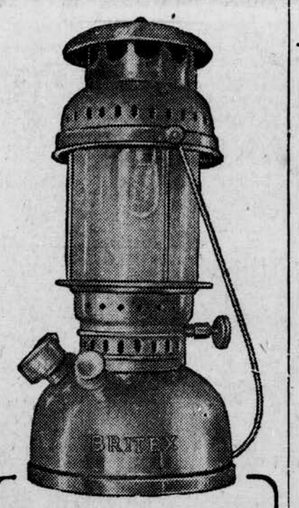

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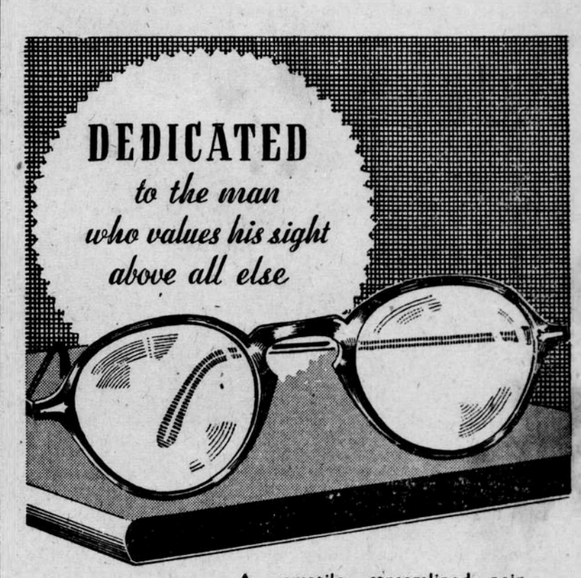

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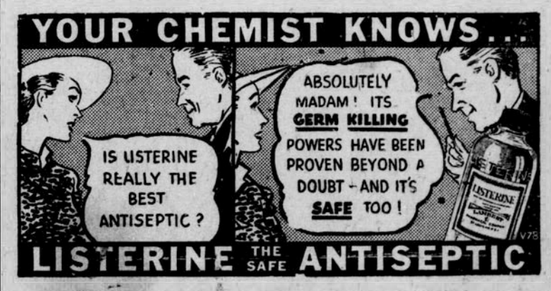
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